

MY NEWS FOR MAY 8, 1999

AMONG THE BOOKS ON THE SHELF WAS ONE ENTITLED:
"UNDERTAKING YOUR SEARCH FOR ENLIGHTENMENT."
AND A MAN PONDERED THE WORDS FOR A MOMENT, THEN SAID TO HIMSELF:
"AFTER SOME YEARS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER
I'D SAY THAT UNDERTAKING THE SEARCH IS NOT THE PROBLEM --
THE CHALLENGE IS IN FINALLY ABANDONING THE SEARCH,
AND ACTUALLY GOING TO WHERE ENLIGHTENMENT IS."

TRYING TO MENTALLY DISCOVER WHAT ENLIGHTENMENT IS, IS FUTILE,
BUT THE IDEA OF WHERE IT IS, IS CONCEIVABLE:
WHERE YOUR MENTAL ATTEMPTS TO FIND IT
COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE UNCROSSABLE BOUNDRIES OF THE MIND,
THERE IS THE PLACE OF ENLIGHTENMENT --
-- IF YOU ARE ALERT & UNBIASED ENOUGH
TO BE AWARE OF WHAT HAS OCCURED.

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OFTEN WHEN HE'D CATCH HIMSELF DEEP IN THE GRASP OF JUDGEMENTAL THOUGHT
ONE MAN WOULD REPREMAND HIMSELF WITH THE REMINDER:
"I KNOW BETTER THAN TO THINK THAT I KNOW ANY BETTER."

ADMITTING THAT YOU DON'T KNOW,
IS NOT AN ACT OF HUMILITY,
BUT RATHER A SIGN OF KNOWING.

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AND TO HIMSELF, ONE MAN SAID:

"MY STOMACH HURTS.",

THEN SAID TO HIMSELF:

"WELL NO WONDER, --- LOOK WHAT YOU PUT IN YOUR MIND."

THEN AT ANOTHER TIME, HE SAID TO HIMSELF:

"MY HEAD HURTS."

AND SAID TO HIMSELF:

"WELL NO WONDER, LOOK WHAT YOU PUT IN YOUR STOMACH."

IF TRYING TO AWAKEN DOESN'T GET YOU COMIN' -- IT'LL GET YOU GOIN'.

AND ONE MAN THOUGHT: "I READ A BOOK ONCE ABOUT THAT VERY MATTER....
...HUMMM, CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT SAID ABOUT IT.....THANKFULLY."

AN ANIMAL CONFINED TO A YARD

WHO CONTINUALLY RUNS UP AGAINST THE FENCE WHILE HARBORING THE BELIEF
THAT THERE IS SOMETHING ON THE OTHER SIDE
WILL LIVE IN A WORLD OF CONFUSION, UNREALIZED BY HIS OWNER.

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IF THE TEN MOST EXPLOSIVE WORDS POSSIBLE ARE:

"UNDERSTANDING THE MIND IS BEYOND THE CAPACITY OF THE MIND.",

THEN THE NINE MOST IMPLoding ONES ARE:

"WHEN YOU ACT, DO SO WITH YOUR ENTIRE BEING."

...IF YOU WANNA SEE SOME REAL FIREWORKS,
AIM THOSE NINE WORDS AT THOSE TEN WORDS.

ONE MAN WHO'D UNDERTAKEN THE SEARCH FOR ENLIGHTENMENT RECENTLY SAID:

"I'M SICK OF THE SEARCH -- WHAT COMES NEXT?",

WHAT'S AFTER THAT IS THE REALIZATION OF: WHAT'S DOING THE SEARCHING,
WHAT THE AREA IS THAT IT HAS TO SEARCH IN, AND HOW THE INHERENT
REALITY OF THE TWO COMBINE TO MAKE THE DISCOVERY OF ENLIGHTENMENT
IMPOSSIBLE.

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THE ANIMAL CONFINED IN THE YARD IS NOT ENLIGHTENMENT:
 THE FENCE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS CONFINEMENT IS NOT ENLIGHTENMENT,
 BUT A BEAST WITH HIS NOSE AGAINST THE FENCE - SUFFICIENTLY ALERT - IS.

NOTE: BEING "SUFFICIENTLY ALERT" REQUIRES THAT YOU BE ACTING WITH
 -- YOUR ENTIRE BEING.

FURTHER NOTE: ACTING WITH YOUR ENTIRE BEING DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY
 -- THINKING ABOUT THE ACTING.

ONE MAN WAS SO PHYSICALLY APT THAT HE COULD
 OUT SMART INANIMATE OBJECTS.
IT'S A START.

DON'T LET THE FENCE FOOL YOU:
 DON'T TAKE THE FENCE TO BE A DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS.
 THERE IS ONLY THE ONE WORLD ON THIS SIDE OF THE FENCE -- AND:
 THERE IS ONLY THE ONE NOSE THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE.

"WHEW!" SAYS ONE MAN,
 "WHAT A RELIEF IT IS TO HEAR YOU DESCRIBE HOW SIMPLE IT ALL IS
 COMPARED TO HOW COMPLEX I ALWAYS TOOK IT TO BE.

...WHEW!, WHAT A RELIEF! --
 --(AND, I MIGHT ADD) -- ADDITIONALLY CONFUSING !?!.....
 ...I MEAN, I HEAR AND UNDERSTAND THE WORDS YOU'RE SAYING,
 BUT I DON'T GET IT!....I SIMPLY CAN'T SEE HOW THE WHOLE THING
 CAN BE AS SIMPLE AS YOU DESCRIBE IT. ?!.....",
 HE LOOKS AWAYSTHINKS A MOMENT, THEN SAYS:
 "WELL...I GUESS I JUST 'COMPLEXED-IT-ALL-UP-AGAIN', HUH?!"

FACT: ENLIGHTENMENT AND THE MIND ARE THE SAME THING.
FACT: UNDERSTANDING THE MIND IS BEYOND THE CAPACITY OF THE MIND
ERGO: AS EXTRAORDINARY AS ENLIGHTENMENT IS,
 IT STILL CANNOT UNDERSTAND ITSELF.

QUESTION: JUST WHAT THE HELL IS THERE TO "UNDERSTAND" ABOUT
 THE PRESENCE OF A PERMANENT FENCE, AND THE NATURAL INSTINCT
 OF AN ANIMAL CONFINED THEREIN TO PACE THE SPACE, PRESS AGAINST THE
 FENCE, AND, "DREAM-OF" WORLDS BEYOND?!....BUT THERE ARE NONE!
 ...KNOW THE LIMITATIONS, DAMMIT,
 OR BE DOMMED TO RUN AROUND FOREVER IN TORMENTING CIRCLES
 IN AN INNER HELL OF INFINITE ANGUISH & DISTRESS...(WHEW, FORGIVE ME).

WHILE A TIGER IN ITS NATURAL ENVIORNMENT LIVES A LIFE OF
PURELY PRIMARY EXISTANCE,
WHEN ONE IS CAGED, ITS PACING REPRESENTS WHAT AMOUNTS TO
THE ACQUISITION OF A SECONDARY ACTIVITY.

NOTE: IN MAN, ALL SECONDARY ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIERS OF THE "INFECTION",
INTHAT THEY ALL BEAR FINGERPRINTS OF THE MIND.

.....QUICK, CALL THE EXTERMINATOR!

A MAN CAN LIVE A LESS COMPLICATED PHYSICAL LIFE BY,
"STICKING-TO-THE-ESSENTIALS",
AND BY DOING SO MENTALLY, HE CAN LIVE A MORE CONSCIOUS ONE.

AND A VOICE COULD BE HEARD SINGING:

"ON A CLEAR DAY,
YOU CAN SEE THE FENCING,
AND ON BRIGHT ONES,
SEE WHAT IT IS."

AND ONE MAN'S MOTTO IS:

"YOU GOTTA BE DENSE
TO DANCE WITH THE FENCE."

THE SOLE DIFFERNCE BETWEEN THE FOOLISH & THE ENLIGHTENED,
(WHO ARE BOTH GOING NO WHERE),
IS THAT THE FOOLISH HAVE THE FORESIGHT TO STAY UNAWARE OF IT.
THEY LIKE TO BELIEVE:

"THINGS WILL MAKE MORE SENSE
IF I CAN JUST EVER GET OVER THIS FENCE."

...A BELIEF IS TO THE MIND AS GOOD AS DEODORANT IS TO A DEAD MAN.

ONE MAN WOULD SOME TIMES GLANCE AT HIS PERCEPTION OF HIMSELF,
AND THINK: "OF ALL THE THINGS OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE,
THIS IS NOT ONE OF THEM."

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NO NEED TO BUY A BOOK OF: "CURIOUS FACTS"
FOR WHAT COULD BE CURIOUSER THAN THE FACT THAT
THE DISCOVERY OF THAT WHICH YOU SEEK
CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN YOU STOP SEARCHING FOR IT.

...AND DON'T WASTE OUR TIME BY SAYING THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
HOW THAT CAN BE -- HELL, NO ONE UNDERSTAND "HOW THAT CAN BE",
THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF WHAT I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT:

(DIG IT):

AN ANIMAL CONFINED IN A YARD:

IT PRESSES ITS NOSE UP AGAINST THE FENCE:

IT THINKS THERE IS SOMETHING ON THE OTHER SIDE, OUT SIDE THE FENCE:

NOT ONLY IS THERE NOTHING BEYOND THE FENCE, BUT IN FACT,

THE FENCE IS NOT REALLY "A FENCE" CONFINING THE ANIMAL:

THE FENCE IS WHAT MAKES THE PRESENCE OF THE ANIMAL POSSIBLE.

(FOR THOSE OF YOU LISTENING TO ALL OF THIS WITH THREE EYES,

DIG IT THIS WAY: THE FENCE AND THE ANIMAL ARE THE SAME THING --

-- AND IF SEEING THIS DOESN'T "SET-YOU-FREE" THEN --

-- FORGET IT!;

YOU'RE A CAPTIVE "YARD-DOG" FOR LIFE.)

IF BEING A PRISONER DOESN'T GET YOU ON THE UP-STROKE,

IT'LL GET YOU ON THE DOWN-BEAT.

AND A MAN ASKED THE REPORTER WHO WRITES UP THE NEWS:

"DO YOU ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND ALL THAT YOU WRITE ABOUT?",

"I DON'T HAVE TO.", HE REPLIED,

"REPORTING ON LIFE AND UNDERSTANDING LIFE ARE TWO SEPERATE MATTERS."

IF "THINKING-ABOUT" BEING AWAKE DOESN'T PUT YOU TO SLEEP,

THEN ALREADY BEING ASLEEP WILL KEEP YOU THERE.

...(THEN JUST IN SPORT, WHEN THE ANIMAL PUT ITS NOSE AGAINST THE FENCE,
THE FENCE SAID: "I DON'T GET IT.", WHICH HAD THE DUAL EFFECT OF
RE-ENFORCING THE CREATURE'S CONFUSION WHILE CAUSING IT TO BELIEVE
THAT IT CONTINUED TO MAKE FRESH DISCOVERIES.

...(AND THE MAN ASKED THE REPORTER AGAIN: "ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU DON'T
GET IT?!" -- "NOT A CHANCE.", HE REPLIED, "NOT ME -- NOT A CHANCE."

AND NOW OUR, "WEEK-ENDERS, DO-IT-YOURSELF" FEATURE:
 TONIGHT: "HOW TO UNDERTAKE THE SEARCH FOR ENLIGHTENMENT":
 TO COMMENCE: READ ABOUT IT IN A BOOK:
 TO GO FURTHER: LISTEN TO SOMEONE TALK ABOUT IT:
 TO PRESS BEYOND THAT: THINK ABOUT IT FOR YOURSELF:
 TO SUCCEED: ABANDON ALL OF THE ABOVE.

FOR THE-PRESSING-OF-YOUR-NOSE-AGAINST-THE-FENCE
 TO EVER PRODUCE AWAKENING
 IT MUST BE DONE WITH YOUR ENTIRE BEING.

...AND REMEMBER: TO ACT WITH YOUR ENTIRE BEING
 DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY THINKING ABOUT THE ACT --
 ...HEY, AFTER ALL: NOSES CAN'T THINK ANY WAY.....CAN THEY?!

AND FROM THE MIDST OF THE HERD, THE VOICE OF ONE COWPOKE WAS HEARD:
 "I B'LVIE I'VE REACHED THE END OF THE TRAIL.",
 AND THE LEAD RIDER CALLED BACK:
 "WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?!",
 "I'VE TOTALLY FORGOTTEN WHAT THE TRAIL WAS.", THE WRANGLER REPLIED.
 ...THE KEY WORD HERE, ME BUCKEROOS, IS "TOTALLY",
 AS IN, "TOTALLY FORGOTTEN",
 "PARTIALLY FORGOTTIN'" WON'T GET IT --
 -- IT'S EITHER DONE WITH YOUR ENTIRE BEING, OR IT'S NOT,
 AND IF NOT, IT'S OF NO USE.

AND FROM OUT IN THE YARD YOU COULD SOMEONE SIGNING:
 "GET ALONG LITTLE DOGIE, GET ALONG, GET ALONG.",
 BUT YOU COULDN'T TELL IF IT WAS COMING FROM THE ANIMAL OR
 FROM THE FENCE.
 ...(AND THAT MAN QUESTIONED THE REPORTER ONCE MORE: "CAN YOU TELL?",
 "NOT A CHANCE.", HE REPLIED, "NOT ME -- NOT A CHANCE."
 ...[AND EVENTUALLY THE MAN BEGAN TO SUSPECT THAT FOR REASONS BEYOND
 HIS COMPREHENSION, THE REPORTER KEPT GIVING THIS REPLY WITH
 BARELY SUPRESSED GLEE.
WHAT COULD THE REASON BE ?!?)